(figures in million tonnes)

Year	Indigenous (in raw coal terms)	Quantum of coking coal imported	Total
2003-04	16.68	12.99	29.67
2004-05	17.51	16.93	34.44
2005-06	19.66	16.89	36.55

(c) and (d) Government is allocating coal blocks to specified end users to increase coal production from sources other than Coal India Limited. Production from these mines will increase in due course of time as there is a long gestation period in coal production. Meanwhile, CIL has taken following steps to increase coal production:—

(i) 97 mining projects have been undertaken for implementation by CIL during X Plan;

(ii) improvement in equipment utilization;

(iii) timely implementation of projects;

(iv) all new mines are being planned with mechanization;

(v) increasing productivity in both underground and open case mines;

(vi) emergency coal production has been planned for increasing production in existing mines/projects.

Coal to sponge iron and rerolling mills of Chhattisgarh

†1807. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of coal provided to sponge iron and rerolling mills of Chhattisgarh by the SECL in the last three years and the number of these mills;

(b) whether these mills are provided coal at a concessional rate;

(c) if not, whether these mills are permitted to purchased coal from private sector coal mines; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) the details of the concession provided to the private sector coal mines to sell coal to other industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) The quantum of coal provided to sponge iron units and re-rolling mills in Chhattisgarh by South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) during last three years is given below:

Sponge Units:

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

Year	No. of Units	Quantity
2003-04	21	21.14
2004-05	31	30.02
2005-06	31	31.30

Re-rolling Mills:

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

Year	No. of Units	Quantity
2004	33	0.41
2005	37	0.16
2006	22	0.04

(b) Coal to sponge iron units being core sector is provided at notified rates of the coal company. Re-rolling mills, which fall under non-core sector, have been provided coal at the price given as under:—

(i) Upto May 2005 — on notified price

(ii) From June 05 to December 2006 — on average e-auction price

(iii) January 07 onwards — on 120% of the notified Price

(c) and (d) The coal mines allotted to private companies are for captive consumption and hence they are generally not allowed to sell coal. However, they have been allowed to dispose of surplus coal due to non compatibility to companies engaged in the approved end uses *i.e.* power generation or

iron and steel production or cement production, for quantities which are not required by the linked end users.

Safety audit in coal mines

1808. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether safety audit is periodically carried out in respect of coal mines operating under Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL) and others;

(b) if so, whether over 50 per cent of the coal mines operating under BCCL and other have been declared unsafe for operating;

(c) if so, the details of the coal mines so declared unsafe; and

(d) the steps taken to provide due safety to workers working in these collieries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) Safety audit in Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. and other subsidiary companies of Coal India Ltd. is conducted periodically.

(b) No, Sir. Mining operations are carried out in Coal mines of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL) and other subsidiary companies of Coal India Ltd. (CIL) in accordance with the Statutes under Mines Act 1952 and rules and regulations framed there under such as Coal Mines Regulations 1957, Mines Rules 1955 etc. and circulars issued from time to time by Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS). Permissions are obtained from DGMS wherever necessary. However, if violations are pointed out during the course of inspections by the officials of DGMS, immediate action is taken by officials of mines to rectify the violations. In addition, officers of Internal Safety Organizations of subsidiary companies also carry regular inspection of mines to monitor safety of mines and persons working therein.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply given to part (b) above.

(d) Following broad safety measures are being adopted by CIL to provide due safety to the workers:

1. CIL has established a structured multi-disciplinary Internal Safety Organisation (ISO) to assist the line management at various levels in matters related to safety.